



# Office of Parks and Recreation Street Tree Request Form

Complete this form and return it to: Office of Parks and Recreation  
City of Binghamton  
38 Hawley Street  
Binghamton, NY 13901

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Parks and Recreation at (607) 772-7017

**Directions:** Please rank your top three choices marking them with a 1, 2, or 3.

**If there are utility lines above the utility strip, select from the list of smaller trees.**

Descriptions of the trees are on the back of this form.

Quantity Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

*A property with a frontage of fifty (50) feet or less will be restricted to one (1) tree. Properties with frontages greater than fifty (50) feet may receive a maximum of two (2) trees per property. To request trees of different species, please submit two forms stapled together—one for each tree.*

Larger Trees

\_\_\_Accolade Elm

\_\_\_London Planetree

\_\_\_Swamp White Oak

\_\_\_Zelcova

\_\_\_Callery Pear

\_\_\_Hackberry

\_\_\_Katsura Tree

Smaller Trees

\_\_\_Frontier Elm

\_\_\_Mountain Ash

\_\_\_Serviceberry

I would like to request that a tree be planted on the public utility strip at the address listed below. I understand that the City of Binghamton will have Dig Safely NY, Underground Facilities Protection Organization (UFPO) assess the site to determine the feasibility of planting a tree, there is no charge for the tree or the UFPO assessment, and it is the City's responsibility for normal maintenance and removal if the tree becomes diseased or dies.

*Resident or Property Owner:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Street trees are defined as trees planted between a street curb and sidewalk. After the Parks & Recreation Department receives this request, staff will inspect the location to determine whether it is an appropriate and safe location for a tree to be planted and determine which species of tree is best suited for the location. Planting of streets trees is ONLY done in the fall and is dependent upon available funding. Completing this application does not guarantee you will receive a street tree.*

## TREE DESCRIPTIONS

*(pictures not to scale)*

**ACCOLADE ELM:** This tree is characterized by arching limbs and a graceful vase shape like that of the classic American Elm, but is Dutch Elm disease-resistant. It is fast growing and reaches over 50 feet at maturity. It displays ornamental bark and very glossy dark green foliage, turning a rich golden yellow in the fall. (W)



**SWAMP WHITE OAK:** This is a hardy tree with a broad, rounded form. It grows to about 60 feet in height and has an approximate 50-60 foot spread. It has yellowish and sometimes red-purple fall foliage. (W)



**KATSURA TREE:** This hardy street tree with attractive shaggy brown bark is medium to fast growing and has a round form. It grows to approximately 60 feet, with a spread of between 25-60 feet at maturity. New heart-shaped leaves emerge bright red-purple in the spring, becoming bluish-green in the summer, and yellow to apricot-orange in the fall. (W)



**LONDON PLANETREE:** This is a good street tree, with an open and spreading form at maturity. It has distinctive bark—red-brown scales flake to show cream-colored inner bark. It grows to between 70-100 feet at maturity, with a spread of 65-80 feet and has yellow-brown fall foliage. (W)

**ZELCOVA:** This is a good shade tree, with easy fall cleanup, which is tolerant of heat, drought, wind, and urban conditions. It grows to about 50-80 feet at maturity, with a spread of 40-50 feet. It has reddish purple fall foliage. (N/W)



**CALLERY PEAR:** This attractive street tree has showy white flowers in the spring and glossy green leaves through the summer. It is fast growing and reaches approximately 50 feet at maturity, with a spread of 20-40 feet. Fall foliage colors are variable (yellow/orange/red/ purple) but usually excellent. (N/W)



**HACKBERRY:** This tree has an elm-like shape and is a forgiving urban tree, tolerant of most soil and moisture conditions. Hackberry forms a rounded “vase” reaching a height of 40 – 80 feet, grows rapidly, and transplants easily. Its small berry-like fruit turns from orange red to purple and is relished by birds. (W)



**FRONTIER ELM:** This hardy variety of tree species has shown resistance to Dutch Elm disease and phloem necrosis. It grows to be approximately 40 feet in height and has about a 30 foot spread at maturity. It has a nice burgundy fall color. (N/W)

**MOUNTAIN ASH:** This is a smaller ornamental street tree with white flowers in the spring and red berries in the fall that attracts birds. It grows to about 30 feet with a spread of 15-30 feet at maturity. It has a dull red to rich yellow fall color. (N/W)



**SERVICEBERRY:** This North American native is a hardy small ornamental tree with an airy appearance. It produces an abundance of white flowers in the spring and berry-like fruits that are edible to birds. At maturity, this tree reaches 25 feet in height with a spread of 20 feet. Its leaves turn a golden-orange in the fall. (N/W)



(W) = Wide Utility Strip Required

(N/W) = Narrow or Wide Utility Strip Acceptable